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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: Elevated, Cyber: Elevated

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

1. *November 25, Port Clinton News Herald (OH)* — FirstEnergy files for restart of Davis-Besse plant. After 22 months of shutdown, FirstEnergy Corp. has formally asked the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for permission to fire up Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station in Ohio. The utility submitted a 180-page restart report Monday, November 24, that detailed its efforts to repair mechanical and management failures that

allowed boric acid to carve a football-sized hole in the reactor vessel head. That cavity, discovered during refueling in March 2002, triggered a slew of investigations from the NRC and other federal agencies. As a result, FirstEnergy spokesperson Richard Wilkins said the shuttered facility has undergone the most extensive wave of on-site work since the plant opened in 1977. Monday's report is FirstEnergy's response to a 31-item NRC checklist of operational activities that must be addressed before consideration is given to re-fire the plant's reactor. Davis-Besse workers must still perform high-pressure reactor coolant tests prior to restart, among other tasks, Wilkins said. Those should be finished within the next couple weeks, he said. **Corporate officials hope to restart the plant by year's end.**

Source: <http://www.portclintonnewsheald.com/news/stories/20031125/localnews/707776.html>

2. *November 25, Reuters* — **ChevronTexaco to restart Nigeria output. U.S. major ChevronTexaco said on Tuesday, November 25, it will this week restart the 23,000 barrels of oil per day (bpd) it halted in the southern Nigerian swamps,** after all 18 workers kidnapped by local militants were released. A company spokesperson said ChevronTexaco would restart 10,000 bpd oil production on Tuesday and restore the balance by weekend. "By the end of the week, we should be producing most of the 23,000 bpd shut-in earlier because of this incident," he said. **ChevronTexaco is the third biggest producer in Nigeria, an OPEC member and the world's seventh oil exporter, most of which is pumped from the volatile Niger delta.**

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/rc/031125/energy_nigeria_production_1.html

3. *November 25, Dow Jones Business News* — **Ohio regulator orders FirstEnergy to upgrade. Ohio utility regulators on Tuesday, November 25, ordered FirstEnergy Corp. to file a plan by March 1 explaining how it will upgrade its power grid monitoring equipment and employee training following the massive August 14 blackout.** The U.S.-Canadian task force investigating that event has largely held FirstEnergy responsible for its start. The task force's interim blackout report blamed the utility for failure to trim trees around the power lines that failed and set off the event, and for inadequately training transmission operators who responded poorly to mounting problems. In response, Ohio Governor Bob Taft asked the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to order transmission maintenance and training upgrades at FirstEnergy. The commission complied as expected during a brief Tuesday meeting.

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/djus/031125/1453001103_2.html

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Chemical Sector

Nothing to report.

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

4. *November 25, Dow Jones Business News* — **Rumsfeld orders staff probe into government-Boeing contract. U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said Tuesday, November 25, he has directed his staff to look into the recent firings of two Boeing Co.**

employees and any impact that may have on the company's contracts with the Pentagon. Boeing said it fired chief financial officer Michael Sears and senior manager Darleen Druyun over the weekend for engaging in what it called "unethical" behavior. Boeing said Sears violated company policy by discussing with Druyun, then an Air Force acquisitions officer, her potential employment while she was still negotiating contracts with Boeing on behalf of the Pentagon. Rumsfeld said he instructed his staff to come up with recommendations, but did not specify a time frame.

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/djus/031125/1547001135_1.html

5. *November 24, Federal Computer Week* — **Air Force, Navy merge JTRS programs. Air Force and Navy officials announced they would combine their portions of the Joint Tactical Radio System (JTRS).** "Combining our program efforts will ensure that a truly joint radio system is efficiently developed for our aerospace and maritime forces," Marvin Sambur, assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition, said in a statement. The two services established a joint management and oversight structure for merging JTRS Cluster 3, the maritime and fixed radio, and Cluster 4, the airborne radio. JTRS is the military's future radio that will operate across the spectrum. **The military owns more than 750,000 radios of 25 makes and models. Defense officials hope JTRS will decrease those numbers and increase radio functionality.** JTRS devices will be defined largely by software, which allows for easier updates for new applications, and means the radio casings can be used more than once.

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/1124/web-jtrs-11-24-03.asp>

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Banking and Finance Sector

6. *November 24, SecurityFocus* — **Nachi worm infected Diebold ATMs . The Nachi worm compromised Windows-based automated teller machines at two financial institutions last August, according to ATM-maker Diebold, in the first confirmed case of malicious code penetrating cash machines.** The machines were in an advanced line of Diebold ATMs built atop Windows XP Embedded, which, like most versions of Windows, was vulnerable to the RPC DCOM security bug exploited by Nachi, and its more famous forebear, Blaster. At both affected institutions the ATMs began aggressively scanning for other vulnerable machines, generating anomalous waves of network traffic that tripped the banks' intrusion detection systems, resulting in the infected machines being automatically cut off, Diebold executives said. **A patch for the critical RPC DCOM hole had been available from Microsoft for over a month at the time of the attack, but Diebold had neglected to install it in the infected machines.**

Source: <http://www.securityfocus.com/news/7517>

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Transportation Sector

7. *November 25, Palo Verde Valley Times (AZ)* — **Border Patrol kept busy at observation post on I-10. The U.S. Border Patrol has positioned itself at the abandoned Agricultural**

checkpoint at the California/Arizona border, on the lookout for suspicious and illegal behavior along Interstate 10 and the surrounding area. According to Danny Ornelas, a supervisory agent with the Border Patrol, agents are not stopping traffic, but "observing" passengers when they stop at the station's stop signs. If they sense that something isn't right, they may ask a driver or passenger to voluntarily answer questions or allow a search of their vehicles. The operation began as the result of tips the Border Patrol received concerning an unusually high influx of illegal aliens being moved up and down the I-10. **Since setting up post on November 10, the agents have arrested over 600 people, mostly illegals, but a handful of drug runners, car thieves and others involved in criminal activity.**

Source: <http://www.paloverdevalleytimes.com/BLYTHECANEWS/myarticles.asp?P=853703&S=395&PubID=11611>

8. *November 25, Reuters* — **U.S. warns travelers to be vigilant at holiday. Saying the threat of another terror attack remained high, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Tom Ridge urged Americans on Tuesday, November 25, to be vigilant as they set off on their travels for the Thanksgiving holiday.** "As we enter this holiday season, the United States intelligence community continues to receive and evaluate a high volume of recordings indicating possible threats against the United States and United States interests both at home and abroad," Ridge told reporters after visiting the air marshals' training center near the Atlantic City, NJ, airport. **DHS has said it is particularly concerned about al Qaeda's continued interest in aviation, including using cargo jets to carry out attacks on critical infrastructure as well as targeting hazardous materials facilities.** "For the foreseeable future, aviation security will be one of the highest priorities in this country, and frankly should be one of the highest priorities around the world," Ridge said.

Source: http://abcnews.go.com/wire/US/reuters20031125_365.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture Sector

9. *November 23, Associated Press* — **Bay restoration plan calls for escalated oyster plantings. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has mapped out a multimillion-dollar plan to restore oysters in the Chesapeake Bay with large-scale plantings of disease-resistant shellfish.** So far, successes in small tributaries in the Norfolk/ Virginia Beach area suggest that escalating plantings of genetically superior oysters may help overcome diseases now killing off the bay's oysters. The Chesapeake Bay foundation grows up to one million oysters a year using a disease-resistant strain called DEBY. DEBY has shown tolerance to MSX and Dermo, two disease-causing parasites that have nearly wiped out bay oysters and helped depress their populations to just two percent of historic levels. **Next spring, the Corps of Engineers will spend \$2.3 million to build 108 acres of reefs and plant baby oysters in the Great Wicomico River, a bay tributary on the Northern Neck.** The agency also wants to build and

stock 200 acres of reefs in the Piankatank River on the Middle Peninsula at a cost of \$4 million. Then, it would do similar work in the Lynnhaven at a cost of \$3.7 million.

Source: <http://www.wavy.com/Global/story.asp?S=1537128&nav=23iiJI1n>

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Food Sector

10. *November 25, Associated Press* — **Listeria found in macaroni salad. A Listeria–related recall of macaroni salad from supermarket shelves affects 20 states, the Georgia Department of Agriculture said Monday.** The agency said *Listeria monocytogenes* were found in a sample of macaroni salad from a Kroger supermarket. That has led to the voluntary recall of the product from store shelves, state Agriculture Commissioner Tommy Irvin said. Specialty Foods, in cooperation with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, announced the recall of Deli Chef Sour Cream and Cheese Macaroni Salad from some Kroger–owned supermarkets. Irvin said the agency’s food lab detected the bacteria in a sample taken from a 10–pound tub. The Sour Cream and Cheese Macaroni Salad being recalled was distributed through the deli service counters at Kroger stores in Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Kentucky, Arkansas, Mississippi, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Louisiana, and Texas. The recall also includes Dillon Stores in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma; Baker’s stores in Nebraska; Food 4 Less stores in Michigan; Gerbes Stores in Missouri; Hilander stores in Illinois; Kessel stores in Michigan; and Owen’s and Pay Less stores in Indiana.

Source: http://news.mywebpal.com/news_tool_v2.cfm?show=localnews&pnpID=909&NewsID=507914&CategoryID=13280&on=0

11. *November 25, Associated Press* — **California strike plans expand.** Striking California grocery clerks vowed to expand their picket lines into Northern California, the District of Columbia and Maryland even as Teamsters came to their defense with plans to choke off food supplies to targeted stores during Thanksgiving. **The clerks broadened their picket lines Monday to three supermarket chains in Sacramento, Fresno, and the San Francisco Bay Area, in California, said Greg Denier, national spokesman for the United Food and Commercial Workers Union. The union said it would begin picketing Safeway stores in the District of Columbia and Maryland this weekend.** The move came as Teamsters union members stopped making deliveries to Vons, Ralphs, and Albertsons stores. The supermarket chains, however, said contingency plans were in place to keep stores stocked and open as scheduled during the Thanksgiving shopping rush. Sandra Calderon, a Vons spokeswoman, said some temporary workers were already in place at its five distribution centers. **Grocery clerks initially called the strike against Vons stores and were immediately locked out of their jobs at Albertsons and Ralphs locations as well. About 70,000 workers are either on strike or locked out, affecting nearly 860 stores.**

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/US/West/11/25/california.strikes.ap/>

12. *November 24, Pittsburgh Post–Gazette* — **Hepatitis outbreak a sobering reminder of vulnerability.** The hepatitis A outbreak that has killed three in Pennsylvania has provided a sobering reminder of just how vulnerable the world’s food–distribution system is to either intentional or inadvertent tainting. In what may be the largest food–borne disease incident in

history, almost 300,000 people in China were sickened with hepatitis A caused by tainted clams in 1991. **"If an unintentional contamination of one food, such as clams, can affect 300,000 individuals, a concerted, deliberate attack on food could be devastating, especially if a more dangerous chemical, biological, or radionuclear agent were used," according to the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) risk assessment.** Food solves one of the biggest hurdles facing potential bioterrorists: a delivery system. Placing anthrax spores in postal envelopes killed five people and sickened 17 in fall 2001. If a terrorist intended to kill or disable large numbers, a more efficient delivery system would be needed. **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) officials say sabotage of food and water would be the easiest way to launch a bioterror attack. Anthrax and botulism are often cited as possible bioterror weapons because they can be deadly; both can contaminate food. Other likely bioweapons are less deadly, but perhaps easier to disperse, agents like salmonella, shigella, E. coli 0157:H7, and ricin.**

Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/03328/243291.stm>

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Water Sector

13. *November 24, Pacific Business News* — **Water limits lifted on Oahu.** Honolulu's Board of Water Supply has lifted voluntary water conservation measures. Frequent rain showers replenished supplies, and cool temperatures have cut down on water use. Manager and Chief Engineer Clifford Jamile said Monday he lifted the restrictions "with cautious optimism." **Oahu has been in an official drought for five years, though parts of the island still get brief showers almost daily.**

Source: <http://pacific.bizjournals.com/pacific/stories/2003/11/24/day22.html>

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Public Health Sector

14. *November 25, Associated Press* — **UN: Global AIDS epidemic rampant. International efforts to control the spread of HIV/AIDS are failing, with more people dying from the disease this year than ever before and as many as 46 million people around the world living with the virus, said a United Nations report released Tuesday.** The worldwide epidemic killed more than 3 million people this year and infected another 5 million with HIV, said UNAIDS, the UN agency responsible for coordinating global efforts to fight AIDS. **The report said the epidemic in sub-Saharan Africa remains rampant while more recent epidemics in China, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, and several central Asian republics are growing.** "This year, more people became infected with HIV than any year before and more people than ever died from AIDS," said UNAIDS executive director Peter Piot. **Jack Chow, who heads the World Health Organization's (WHO) AIDS campaign, said WHO was focusing on its "3-by-5" initiative, which aims to deliver anti-retroviral drugs to 3 million people worldwide by the end of 2005.** Piot said there was some positive news in the report, with several countries successfully combatting the spread of the disease. For example, Uganda marked its 12th consecutive year of reduced HIV infections.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A13189-2003Nov_25.html

15. *November 25, Scientist* — **France awaiting bioterror plan.** The French government is expected to unveil an updated plan against biological terrorism in coming days, which scientists hope will tackle confusion about fundamental issues like how to transport pathogens across the country in a crisis. Since 2001, France has spent about \$412 million on the battle against chemical, nuclear, and biological terrorism. The existing plan, adopted in 2001, targets bioterrorism through a network of medical centers and laboratories. Another plan launched in 2001 focuses exclusively on smallpox and calls for mass vaccination of the French public in an emergency. **A report to the Parliament last month warned that France is not ready to react fast enough to a biological attack. The country's police, fire, and ambulance services need more special equipment; health workers need more training; medical schools need to give courses on the bioterror threat of viruses; parents should know where the nearest vaccination centers are; and medical schools need stronger quarantine procedures, it said. Moreover, the report stated that the government needs a communication effort to coordinate its emergency response.**

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/news/20031125/03/>

16. *November 24, BBC News* — **TB's 'worrying comeback' in London. Tuberculosis (TB) has increased four-fold in some areas of London over the past 10 years, according to a new report.** The London Assembly's Health Committee said the disease was making a "worrying comeback" in London but levelling out in the rest of the UK. **Almost half of the 6,891 new cases of TB in England and Wales were in London by 2002 compared to only three in 20 in the 1980s.** The report calls for health checks and a raising of awareness of the disease. The committee also found that strains of TB which were resistant to drugs were more common in London than elsewhere. Committee chairwoman Elizabeth Howlett said: "After a century in decline, TB is making a worrying comeback in the capital with increasing numbers of Londoners contracting the disease. **"We have not yet reached a crisis point in London and we must make sure that we do not. "Failure to heed the rising rates in London and to ensure adequate TB control now could result in major problems and expenditure in the future, particularly with the emergence of drug resistant strains."**

Source: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/3232284.stm>

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Government Sector

17. *November 25, Government Computer News* — **Agencies launch one-stop portal for product recalls. Six agencies have unveiled a Web portal listing recalled consumer products.** The site, www.recalls.gov, provides not only the recalled household items listed by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) but also data on recalled motor vehicles, recreational boats, food, medicines, cosmetics and pesticides. The home page features a series of tabs organized by product type. The pages linked to each tab contain links to lists of product recalls and to the home page of the agency responsible for regulating those products. **The subpages also feature a link that tells consumers how to report problems to agencies.** The regulatory agencies that are CPSC's partners on the portal—the U.S. Coast Guard, Environmental Protection Agency, Food and Drug Administration, Food Safety Inspection Service and

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration—are responsible for updating their own recall lists, spokeswoman Nychelle Fleming said. The General Services Administration team that manages the FirstGov portal operates Recalls.gov in conjunction with the CPSC Webmaster. Source: http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/24296-1.html

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Emergency Services Sector

18. *November 25, Courier-Post (NJ)* — **Emergency network disrupted in New Jersey. A digital television station near Boston, MA, was the likely cause of interference that blocked emergency communications in parts of Camden County, NJ, on Monday, November 24, authorities said. The disruption left police officers in the affected area -- primarily southern Camden County -- with weak or spotty communications networks for nearly two hours.** The interference lasted from 8:45 to 10:35 a.m. in an area of the county designated Zone Four, Charles Lezenby, the county's chief of communications, said. That territory includes Berlin Borough, Berlin Township, Chesilhurst and Waterford, NJ. The digital signal, which occupies the same frequency as police radios in some Camden County communities, can overpower the weaker transmitters in hand-held radios. They also affected car-mounted devices to a lesser extent. **Officers in the field could receive messages from the central communications system, but they had trouble sending messages.** The interference did not disrupt 9-1-1 calls placed to the county communications center. Source: <http://www.courierpostonline.com/news/southjersey/m112503b.htm>

19. *November 24, Associated Press* — **Alaska villages get fire department alternative.** In rural Alaska, where bucket brigades still exist, dozens of villages now have a "fire department in a box"—a new concept in firefighting. The equipment—contained in two shiny metal trailers that can be hooked up to small pickups, all-terrain vehicles or even snowmobiles—uses compressed air to produce firefighting foam from a small amount of water. The equipment maneuvers easily on poor roads, even tundra. It can be used where water is scarce or mostly frozen. Where water is available, it comes with a pump. **It takes 5 seconds for the firefighting foam to activate, and 600 gallons can be discharged in as quickly as 90 seconds.** It's been tested to 40 degrees below zero. **Fifty-five Alaska communities now have the new equipment,** and 12 units are being built. Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/science/AP-EXP-Micro-Fire-Departments.html>

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Information and Telecommunications Sector

20. *November 25, Government Computer News* — **Los Angeles suburb dials up VOIP.** The city of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, has adopted a voice over IP (VOIP) system. The city has installed the VOIP architecture for voice, video and integrated data (AVVID). Dennis McLean, the city's director of finance and information technology, and his team deployed the AVVID system for 95 phones about a year ago. "The beauty of this system is that the phone is attached to the city's network," McLean said. To add a new user to the system, McLean and his team plug a handset

into a wall jack. The phone is then configured like a PC linked to the city's network, which runs over Category 6 cabling. **The use of city staff to make routine changes to the system is saving the city between \$5,000 and \$10,000 a year**, he said. McLean said that the city next plans to add teleconferencing features to the system and create an emergency wireless network. The VOIP system cost about \$85,000, with annual support costs amounting to about \$18,000, McLean said.

Source: http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/24292-1.html

21. *November 24, Reuters* — **Solar hurricane hits earth in repeat of October storm. Magnetic solar hurricanes hit Earth last weekend, confusing satellites and causing aurora borealis displays as far south as Florida**, Finnish meteorologists said last week. "The storm has already begun, and it grew incredibly strong [Sunday, November, 23]," said Heikki Nevanlinna, research manager at the Finnish Meteorological Institute said. Magnetic solar storms, caused by a burst of charged particles from the sun hitting the Earth's magnetic field, caused technical glitches around the world at the end of October in some of the most intense storms ever detected. The current storm stems from the same giant sunspots that caused last month's solar flares, but is clearly weaker than the October storm, Nevanlinna said. Nevertheless, **Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) receivers were experiencing disturbances, as have mobile phone networks**, Nevanlinna said. "(GPS receivers) may give bad coordinates or it may take them an extremely long time to get data," he said.



Source: <http://www.planetark.com/dailynewsstory.cfm/newsid/22917/story.htm>

22. *November 24, Associated Press* — **Government evaluates simulated terrorist attacks.**

Experts inside government and the Institute for Security Technology Studies at Dartmouth College are still formally evaluating results of a simulated terrorist attack carried out by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) over five days in October. The "Livewire" exercise simulated physical and computer attacks on banks, power companies and the oil and gas industry, among others. "There were some gaps," said Amit Yoran, the chief of the agency's National Cyber-Security Division. "The information flow between various sectors was not as smooth as we would perhaps have liked." Yoran said **the mock attacks during the exercise tried to broadly disrupt services and communications across major industrial sectors, enough to make consumers to lose economic confidence. It modeled bombings at communications facilities outside Washington and cyberattacks aimed at companies and other networks.** Yoran said the exercise affirmed that **troublesome interdependencies exist throughout the nation's most important systems.** A broad power outage could also bring down key telephone or computer networks, disrupting repair efforts.

Source: <http://securityfocus.com/news/7518>

Internet Alert Dashboard

Current Alert Levels	
 AlertCon: 1 out of 4 https://gtoc.iss.net	 Security Focus ThreatCon: 1 out of 4 http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/
Current Virus and Port Attacks	
Virus:	#1 Virus in the United States: WORM_LOVGATE.G Source: http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html , Trend World Micro Virus Tracking Center [Infected Computers, North America, Past 24 hours, #1 in United States]
Top 10 Target Ports	135 (epmap), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 137 (netbios-ns), 25 (smtp), 445 (microsoft-ds), 80 (www), 53 (domain), 57 (priv-term), 139 (netbios-ssn), 161 (snmp) Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center

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General Sector

23. *November 25, BBC News* — **Further Turkey attacks 'imminent'**. More terror attacks on cities in Turkey may be "imminent", the British Government has warned. The Foreign Office has already warned against all non-essential travel to Turkey, but said Tuesday, November 25: **"We have information to suggest that further attacks may be imminent in Istanbul and Ankara.** We urge you to be vigilant in all parts of the country and especially in the vicinity of potential terrorist targets." The Office suggests sites symbolizing the political, religious and economic values of western countries including the UK are particularly at risk, though Turkish buildings have also been targeted in the past. Groups apparently connected to al-Qaeda say they carried out last Thursday's bombings, in which at least 28 people died. **Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, in a televised national address on the eve of the three-day religious holiday marking the end of the fasting month of Ramadan, urged people to resist terrorism.** "This is a war between justice and cruelty, good and bad, and truth and falsehood," he said. "It is our right to expect every sensible person to stand by justice, good, and truth in this war."

Source: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/3237274.stm>

24. *November 25, BBC News* — **Colombia disarms militiamen.** Nearly 800 members of a main paramilitary group in Colombia are laying down their weapons in the city of Medellin. **The demobilization by fighters of the United Self-Defence Forces of Colombia (AUC) is being seen as the first stage in a broader peace process.** The group has said its 13,000 men will all disarm by the end of 2005. The paramilitaries have been a major force in Colombia's civil war since the 1980s. **The AUC, like the leftist FARC and ELN, is on the United States' list of terrorist organizations.** The U.S. has repeatedly asked for the extradition of the group's leader, Carlos Castano. Colombia's peace commissioner, Luis Carlos Restrepo, said he hoped the AUC demobilisation in Medellin would encourage other groups to follow suit.

Source: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/3237310.stm>

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